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[Front of Letter 381]
Walters, W.T., Balt. Aug 13, 1874
Aug 14/74, 14/74
Has seen Treasury documents. Will send cases on the Balt & Ohio R.R. Will notify by telegraph, will probably be sent on Monday or Tuesday.

[Letter 381]

Balto 13th Aug 74

Mr. MacLeod,

I have seen the Treasury document, It obliges the Collector here to send an officer in charge of [dir?] things to Washington so that there will be more formality than [heretofore?] - but the Collector will give me - has given me the Portraits - I giving my word they shall be notified of the movement of the cases. They will go by the Balto & Ohio Road - but the vessel has an assorted cargo of Italian products marble - soap [et.al.?] - and at the moment can't say when they can deliver the cases as they are stowed behind a good deal of the cargo - I will get them off as soon as possible and notify you in time beforehand by telegraph, no doubt tomorrow I will know nearer the exact time.

Now everything is clear but the time when this ship will be ready.

Your friend,
W.T. Walters

[Front of Letter 382]

Walters, W.T., Balt. Aug 14, 1874
Aug 15/74, 15/74
With regard to the new casts.

[Letter 382]

Balto 14th Aug 74

Mr. MacLeod,

Nothing new in regard to the cases.

I took some pains when in Rome to secure as a useful feature casts of the 3 great Portrait Statues of [Sophocles?] - Aristides & Demosthenes - as in our Country Portraiture appears to furnish more than half the impulse to Art - these things in [fraco?], style simplicity & truth are standard to look up by our great American!! Sculptors - but as fact now it occurs to me I only write to see when you open these if you don't think it advisable to place them together - say the two former which are excellent [Pendants?], on either side of [the Demonstration?] - I believe these 3 things are in this lot - I have not yet seen the list however - Unless the Packing & Baling has been done in an extraordinary way (and I judge it has) the charge of 2050 Lire is very high - we have paid these disbursements and will send you a list of them when we get them all together,

I hope to be able to forward the cases Monday -

Of course you won't place the Antiques & Modern [venues?] together.

Your friend,
W.T. Walters

[Front of Letter 383]
Walters, W.T. Balt. Aug 15/74
Aug 17/74
With regard to painting the casts. A Balt. C.H. Officer will accompy cases of casts to the Gallery. Not necessary to rehang pictures before Oct or the last of Sept. Imitation marble pedestals.

[Letter 383]

Balto 15th Aug 74

Mr. MacLeod,

It may be we shall have to paint the casts - indeed I can't see how it is to be avoided - but I shall give any consent to it with great reluctance and when I feel more certain than I do now that it is the only [illegible] - to paint a cast is to [destroy?] more than half its artistic interest - indeed I would as soon think of painting the life model for students - can't we put off any conclusion on this subject until next season now this one has so nearly passed?

As it looks now the casts will be shipped Monday, You should receive them Tuesday or Wednesday more certainly - a Mr. King of the Custom House will go down with them - a very [gentile?] person - under the Treasury order. I suppose he will remain to see them all opened - so that part of it should be done as expeditiously as possible.

I may go to New York Tuesday night to be gone 2 days - after my return I will go down and take time to spend some hours with you - I take it not to be essential to rehang before October or last of Sept - as we will likely have some other things in by then -

Might it not be judicious to place a few of your more important Busts on Pedestals? The imitation marble ones are very good and would do [by & by?] for marble Busts.

Your Friend,
W.T. Walters

[Front of Letter 384]
Walters, W.T., Balt. Aug 17/74
Aug 18
The cases will reach the Gallery tomorrow Aug 18.

[Letter 384]

Balto 17th Aug 74
Mr. MacLeod,

[Dear Sir,?]

At my present writing the cases are all at the station and you will receive them no doubt tomorrow morning -

Under this new instruction from the Treasury they will go down I take it consigned to Mr. King the officer in charge from here and will be delivered to you by him - all of which makes more trouble and I take it more expense the first method -

I enclose you as [memorandum reced?] today, will you please [illegible] how many of the cases are baled.

I still expect to [land?] tomorrow night to be gone two days only I think - as I said before on my return I will go down to see you.

Your friend,
W.T. Walters

[Front of Letter 385]
Walters, W.T., Balt. Aug 18./74
Aug 19/74, 19/74
Shall be glad to know how the cases come out.

[Letter 385]

Balto 18th Aug

Mr. MacLeod,

I shall not leave home this week - shall be glad to know how the casts come out if you have time to drop me a line tomorrow.

Yours,
W.T. Walters

[Front of Letter 386]
Walters W.T. & Co., Balt. Aug 19/74
Aug 20/74
Encloses statement of disbursements.

[Letter 386]

Balto 19th Aug 74
Mr. A. Hyde

Dear Sir,

You will please find enclosed statement of disbursements we have made - bill of details for packing & [illegible] sent to Mr. MacLeod -

Please remit us -

Respectfully,
WT. Walters & Co.

[Paid & filed with receipts, Aug 20, 1874, [PJB.?]

[Letter 387]

[Enclosed Statement of Disbursements from Maquay Hooker & Co., Leghorn]
August 20/74

A Hyde Esq., Secretary Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington

Dear Sir,

We beg to notify shipment of the Goods specified as at foot which we trust will reach their destination in satisfactory order.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to make you the respectful tender of our services as Bankers, and for the purchase, or shipment, of Italian produce and Works of Art, and we pledge ourselves, if favored with your Commands to use our best exertions for your interest.

We remain very respectfully Your Obed. Serv.
Maquay Hooker

[Back of Letter 387]
Maquay Hooker & Co., Leghorn Aug 20.1874
[abar?] Sept 3/74
Notice of shipment of 8 cases of plaster from Rome shipped per British Barque [T.C.?] Jones for Baltimore.

[Front of Letter 388]
Carrington Virginia P., Charlottesville VA, Aug 25/74
Ansd Aug 26/74
Offering portrait of Cortez for sale.

[Letter 388]

Charlottesville Va
Aug. 25th 1874

Sir,

Knowing you collect good pictures, I write to say, I have a fine portrait of Cortez which I would like to sell. All I know of its history is that, Genl. [Waddy?] Thompson, of [Lo. Ca.?] got it in [Mexico?] when minister there [&?] gave it to my [illegible] Wm C. Preston Prescott used it in

making the likeness for his history. I think it was exhibited at The World's Fair in New York. I do not know whether any of our mutual acquaintances at the [Springs?] would recall it sufficiently to tell you if it is worth your while to have it examined. Dr. [Hofe?] or Dr. Alexander, or Mrs. Genl. Long may remember it.

A Mr. Cantley, an Englishman, now living in Greenbrier Co. is often at the White Sulpher; he seems a judge of art; he was much struck with the picture, if he happens to be near you, I would be glad to refer to him.

Respectfully,
Virginia P. Carrington, Charlottesville

[Front of Letter 389]
Tyson, H.H., [Glenelg?], Howard Co. Md, Aug 27, 1874
Ansd Sept 1/74
Offering old pictures for sale.

[Letter 389]

[Glenelg?], Howard Co, Md, Aug. 27th 1874

Dear Sir,

Having heard that you are purchasing paintings for your gallery My Mother, requested me to offer you four of hers by - [Paolo?] Veronese, Salvator Rosa, Doughty and the elder [Peale?].

Should you desire it I will send you a full description of any or all of them but do not wish to encroach upon your time at present.

Very Respy [&?]
H.H. Tyson

W.W. Corcoran Esq., Washington

[Front of Letter 390]
Lherbette Kane & Co., Paris Aug 28. 1874
Encloses Invoice of one case with picture, per Str Leipzig 29 Aug from Southampton.

[Letter 390]

[Letterhead of Lherbette Kane & Co., Paris]
28th August 1874

A. Hyde Esq., Secretary of Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington

Dear Sir,

We beg to enclose legalised invoice of 1 case picture [& frame?] from Mr. A. Lucas, which we have shipped you per steamer Leipzig 29th from Southampton through our Havre firm.

We remain, Dear Sir, Yours very truly,
Lherbette Kane